

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SAIGON 17757 110354Z

17 15
ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-15 DRC-01 /121 W
----- 070195

R 110205Z OCT 73
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
INFO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 7941
USDEL JEC PARIS

S E C R E T SAIGON 17757

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS CB VS
SUBJECT: CONTINUING FRICTION IN SOUTHERN CAMBODIA BETWEEN
KI AND NVA

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON INFO DAO/SAIGON USSAG NKP
AND AE PHNOM PENH 9 OCT 73 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE:
CAN THO 0758

1. CHAU DOC SECTOR INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED SEVERAL
INDICATIONS THAT FRICTION PERSISTS BETWEEN KHMER INSURGENT (KI)
ELEMENTS AND NVA TROOPS IN CAMBODIA NORTH OF CHAU DOC PROVINCE.

A.) CHAU DOC PROVINCE OFFICIALS REPORT THAT ON 29
SEPTEMBER AND 1 OCTOBER KI UNITS AMBUSHED NVA SUPPLY CONVOYS
IN KAMPONG TRACH PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. IN EACH CASE, THE VEHICLES
WERE DESTROYED AND THEIR OCCUPANTS KILLED. THE SEPTEMBER 29 IN-
CIDENT OCCURRED AT 1130 HOURS AND INVOLVED AN NVA JEEP WHICH HAD
DELIVERED AMMUNITION TO A TEMPORARY HOLDING POINT AT VS 5165, FROM
WHERE IT WOULD BE MOVED TO SVN. THE JEEP WAS RETURNING TOWARD
THE TUK MEAS AREA (VS 525789) AND HAD REACHED THE CROSSROADS
AT VS 459665 WHEN AN UNKNOWN KI FORCE REPORTEDLY AMBUSHED IT.
THE SECOND INCIDENT INVOLVED FOUR GMC TRUCKS WHICH HAD DELIVERED
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SAIGON 17757 110354Z

RICE AND AMMUNITION TO THE SAME HOLDING POINT. THE TRUCKS

WERE RETURNING TO THEIR DEQOT AND WERE FOUR KILOMETERS WEST OR NORTH OF TANI TOWN (VS 635907) WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED.

B) A REPORT FROM THE TUK MEAS AREA, BANTEAY MEAS DISTRICT, KAMPOT PROVINCE (VS 5177) SAYS THE NVA THERE HAVE DECLARED THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THE KI TO OPERATE ON, OR INTERFERE WITH, THEIR SUPPLY CHANNELS INTO SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TUK MEAS ARPOG IS THE LOCATION OF THE NVA 195TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP AND A LARGE AMMUNITION STORAGE COMPLEX. IT IS ALSO THE STARTING POINT FOR INFILTRATION ROUTE IC.

C.) DOCUMENTS CAPTURED SEPTEMBER 29 IN TINH BIEN DISTRICT, CHAU DOC, STATED THAT THE NVA, HAVING "DEFEATED THE AMERICANS AND RUN THEM OUT OF SOUTH VIETNAM," WOULD NOT ALLOW THE CAMBODIANS TO STAND IN THEIR WAY OF SUCCESS.

2. MANY MEETINGS BETWEEN VC/NVA AND KI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO PRODUCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF THE VC CHAU HA PROVINCE MILITARY INDOCTRINATION OFFICE LE VAN THANH, WHO RALLIED SEPTEMBER 12. ARVN SOURCES SAID ONE PLAN THAT WAS DISCUSSED BY THE NVA AND KI IN KIRIVONG-TUK MEAS-O MOUNTAIN AREA WOULD GIVE THE NVA MILITARY CONTROL OVER A WELL-DEFINED AREA, WHICH WOULD, HOWEVER, REMAIN UNDER KI POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY. THIS ZONE INCLUDES ALL THE NON-POPULATED AREAS WEST OF ROUTE 2, SOUTH OF ROUTE 205, AND EAST OF ROUTE 16 (VS 920718VS 773948-VS-:8665-VS 560694). GIVEN THE AMBUSHES DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH AN AGREEMENT, IF CONCLUDED, HAS NOT SOLVED THE PROBLEM.

LEHMANN UNQUOTE
MARTIN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: willialc
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SAIGON17757
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS MARTIN
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731038/aaaabbwg.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: willialc
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21-Nov-2001 by willialc>; APPROVED <21-Nov-2001 by willialc>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONTINUING FRICTION IN SOUTHERN CAMBODIA BETWEEN KI AND NVA
TAGS: MOPS, CB, VS
To: n/a
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005